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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WITH REGARD TO STATE 35905, PARA 2, THE AMBASSADOR DOES NOT APPRECIATE THAT SORT OF INSTRUCTION. WE INTEND TO ASSIGN ALLAN GREENBERG TO THE DISCUSSIONS AS HIS RUSSIAN IS GOOD, AND HE HAS A BACKGROUND IN SCIENTIFIC MATTERS. IN OUR VIEW THE SOVIETS WILL BE MUCH MORE SENSITIVE TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF A WELL-KNOWN MICROWAVE EXPERT THAN ANY EMBASSY OFFICER. MOREOVER, WE CAN BE SURE THAT SOVIETS ON THEIR SIDE WILL HAVE A POLITICALLY ASTUTE OFFICER, WHETHER FROM MFA OR NOT. THE SOVIETS APPARENTLY ARE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS AS MFA CONFIRMED TODAY THE SCIENCE MINISTRY'S EARLIER REPORT THAT THE VISIT IS BEING REVIEWED AGAIN BY MFA.

2. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO A SUMMER TDY ASSIGNMENT FOR JOHN TIDD. OF COURSE, HIS ABILITY TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY WILL DEPEND TO SOME EXTENT ON HOW MUCH RUSSIAN HE CAN ACQUIRE BEFORE ARRIVING.

3. APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON UNA MEETING IN MOSCOW  
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APRIL 13-15. AMONG OTHER THINGS THIS COULD HELP US TO STRENGTHEN OUR OWN CONTACTS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS AND ACADEMICIANS IN THIS AREA.

4. GOULETSOS TELEPHONED FEB 17 TO INFORM US THAT THEY TRIED AGAIN TO GET THEIR EXIT VISAS BUT WERE TOLD TO COME BACK TOMORROW. THIS MEANS THAT WE WILL NOT

BE ABLE TO ISSUE FEB 18 AS PLANNED. IF THEY GET THEIR VISAS FEB 18, WE WILL PLAN TO ISSUE FEB 21. THEY TOLD US THAT OVIR WILL ISSUE BUT IS NOT INCLINED TO HURRY. WE TOLD GOULETSOS THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO COME FOR FINAL INTERVIEW ASAP.

5. NADINE MITSKEVICH ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED OUR "NO IMPEDIMENTS" LETTER FEB 17. SHE TOLD US THAT SHE KNOWS HER PARENTS ARE AGAINST THE MARRIAGE, BUT SHE IS INCLINED TO GO THROUGH WITH IT ANYWAY. SHE SAID SHE HAD NO OBJECTION TO DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY INFORMING HER PARENTS OF HER DECISION IF THEY ASK.  
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